

94. The method of claim 71 further including the step of providing information regarding said terms to said user in an interactive spreadsheet.

95. The method of claim 94 further including the step of sending information specific about the user to said terminal.

96. The method of claim 71 wherein said inputting first and second currencies step further includes the step of displaying all second currencies available for trade with said first currency once said first currency is input.

97. The method of claim 96 further including the step of selecting said displayed second currency.

98. The method of claim 71 wherein said determining step further includes the step of a spread automatically being added to a base quote for said transaction.

99. The method of claim 98 wherein said spread is automatically calculated by factors including the cash value of said transaction.

100. The method of claim 71 wherein said desired characteristics include both even and uneven swap trades and said inputting of desired characteristics step further includes the step of inputting a plurality of swap legs, the forward currency and a forward currency amount for each leg.

101. The method of claim 100 wherein said step of inputting of desired characteristics is done in a spreadsheet either on-line or off-line with said spreadsheet automatically imported to a trade input screen on said terminal.

102. The method of claim 100 wherein the number of legs is between two and six.

103. The method of claim 71 further including the step of sending a signal to the user if the system becomes inoperative.

104. The method of claim 103 wherein said signal includes an audio signal.

105. The method of claim 103 wherein said signal includes a visual signal.

106. The method of claim 103 wherein said signal includes both an audio signal and a visual signal.

107. The method of claim 71 wherein said desired characteristics include order entry of a leave order and said step of inputting said desired characteristics of said transaction include a target foreign exchange rate between said two currencies;

and further including a step of monitoring automatically a financial market associated with said financial transaction and confirming that said accepted terms are available in said financial market.

108. The method of claim 107 further including the step of reporting automatically to said user of the differences between said market terms and said accepted offer.

109. The method of claim 108 wherein said reporting is color-coded to reflect the magnitude of said difference.

110. The method of claim 71 wherein said step of offering said transaction to said customer further includes the step of limiting said offer to a specific time period.

111. The method of claim 110 wherein said time period is 5-15 seconds.

112. The method of claim 110 wherein said offering step further includes the step of providing the user the option to refresh said offer.

113. The method of claim 112 wherein said option is available during said specific time period.

114. The method of claim 112 further including the steps of updating said offered terms of said transaction and restarting said specific time period when said option is chosen by said user.

115. The method of claim 71 wherein said desired characteristics include a leave order and said step of inputting the desired characteristics of said transaction further includes inputting an expiration period;

and further including a step of monitoring automatically prior to expiration a financial market affiliated with said transaction and confirming that the accepted terms are available in said market.

116. The method of claim 115 wherein said expiration period is for a fixed period of time.

117. The method of claim 115 further including the step of automatically executing said leave order when said accepted terms become available in said market.

118. The method of claim 115 further including the step of entering said desired characteristics in a blotter.

119. The method of claim 118 wherein said step of entering said desired characteristics in the blotter is coupled to said step of inputting the desired characteristics of said transaction.

120. The method of claim 115 wherein said expiration period is indefinite and expires when subsequently canceled by said user.

121. The method of claim 120 further including the step of warning a said user when said expiration period has extended over a certain period of time without expiring.

122. The method of claim 121 wherein said certain period of time is two months.

123. The method of claim 121 further including the step of said user setting said certain period of time for receiving said warning.

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